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Crime Prevention Alert

Would you give your vehicle to a criminal?

As temperatures outside have dropped, residents in the Northwest District and throughout the city have let their guard down. Almost on a daily basis, a vehicle is stolen from a driveway or in front of an apartment building.

Why?

When it is cold out, residents will go outside to start their vehicle and let it run to warm up. While this is occurring, most vehicle owners return to their residence to continue getting ready. A criminal that is outside, cold and is in need of transportation will take your vehicle. Most vehicle owners only have one key and will leave their vehicle unlocked and running while warming up. People have a false sense of security that their vehicle will not be stolen from their driveway, apartment complex or the street in front their house.

Prevention

It is not a good idea to leave your vehicle running while you are not in it. If you absolutely must warm your car up by letting it run, have a second key and keep your doors locked. While your vehicle is running, keep an eye on it and remember that a car window can be broken in a matter of seconds and your vehicle can be stolen. If your vehicle should be stolen, call 911 immediately and give a description to the dispatcher.

For more information or to start a Crime Watch in your area, please call the Northwest District Neighborhood Resource Office at 327-6616

Report Suspicious Activity to 911 Immediately